



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Bhashyam Ramesh**

Serial No.: **10/661245**

Filed: **September 12, 2003**

For: **CLUSTERING STRINGS**

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Group Art No. **2172**

Examiner: **Jean M. Corrielus**

Attorney Docket No.: **11092**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO**  
**NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 1, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2004,  
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ends December 1, 2004,  
this Response is considered timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the “Listing of Claims” which begins on page 5 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.